Case 7: ⚜ Hidden from the Press, Part 7

...
I had no choice...
But that's no reason... to kill a man.
After you worked so hard, and even got yourself elected mayor.
You couldn't let blackmail stop you now. I understand that.

!
Ms. Mayor.

...
He was demanding ten million yen...
And that's not all...he said he was going to keep demanding money... No...it was worse than that.
He was demanding something even more degrading...
...That's awful.
What?
ARF!
Watson! She's a murderer! Don't let your guard down.
I know.
That was close! I can't have her suspecting Sherdog!
Oh, no...I mean, I know how you must feel...ha ha.
?
...
There had to be a better way. You could have gotten the police to help.
But I still don't think you should have killed him.

PTOOEY!
YOU'RE JUST A KID! WHAT DO YOU KNOW? WELL? WELL?!

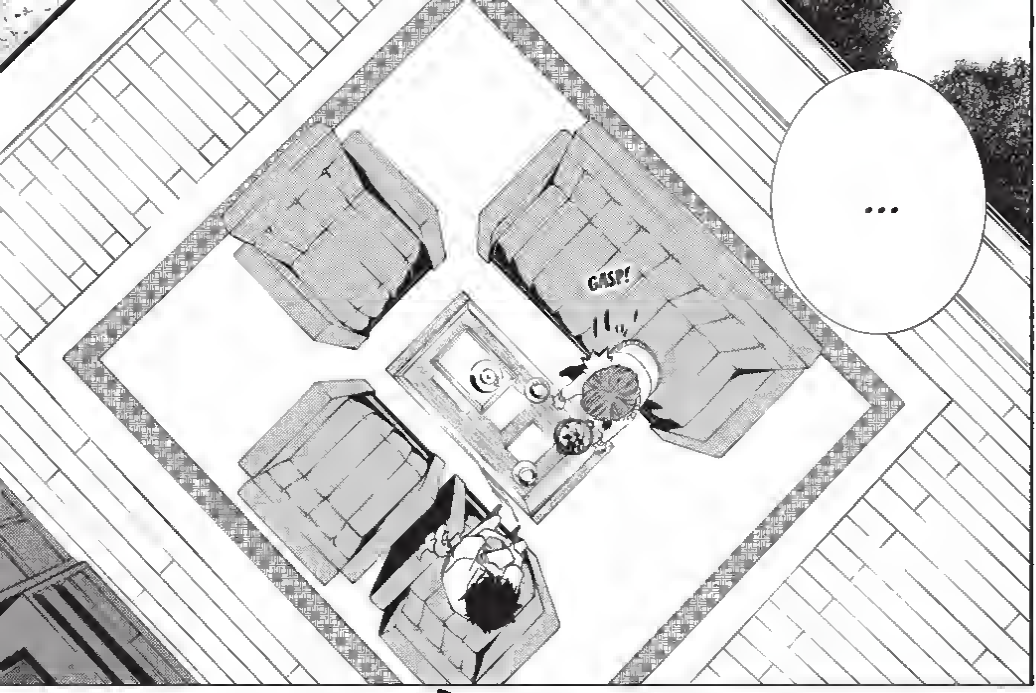
AND NOW THIS KID'S TRYING TO GET ME LOCKED UP!
FIRST THAT MAN GOES BLABBING
ABOUT WHAT I DID IN THE PAST.

It's an act, Watson!
...
I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL HIM! NO CHOICE!
But the blood went to my head— I couldn't think straight...
Maybe you're right...
...un-speakably evil.
It's possible that the beautiful mayor is in fact...
It was done by an extremely rational intellect...by someone who's done it before.
This is not the crime of someone who's lost control.
But...I'm sure you've already told everything to your sister in Violent Crimes.
...
Then you'll turn yourself in...Mayor Takasugi?
!
...

I don't think she even knows I suspected you.
No, I haven't told her anything yet.
STUPID BRAT! NOW...
...But she might suspect something,
based on the fact that you came here.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR!
Really...?
Why would you tell her that?!
You fool!
No...I came here on the down-low. No one knows I'm here.
Thank you.
And remember? The girl who came with you before. ...Surely she knows?
Oh, please help yourself.
!

I see...
SS...
ARF
ARF
ARF
Don't underestimate a murderer, Watson!
...To turn myself in.
SS...
Then I still have a chance...
SS...
DRINK IT, DRINK IT!
YESSS!
DRINK IT AND DROP OFF TO SLEEP, JUST LIKE THAT MISERABLE FLEA!
DRINK THE COFFEE!

DON'T DRINK IT, WATSON!
BAM
WHAM!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, YOU MANGY MUTT?!
THUNK
SPLASH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GASP!

Uh... S...sorry about my dog...
ARF
ARF
Did you see that?! There was something in the coffee...

DAMN! MY EXTRA-STRENGTH SLEEP MEDI-CATION, WASTED!
SMILE...
I...I'm sorry. I lost control...

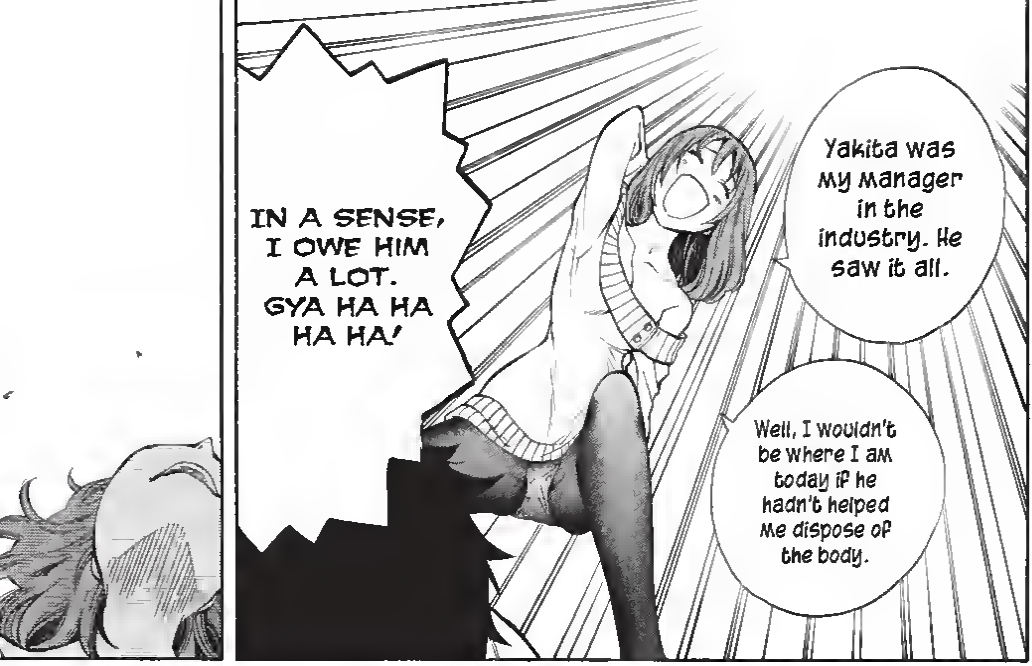
I-I'll pick up the...
Uh.
...cup...
SWAY...
WHAT DO I DO WHAT DO I DO WHAT DO I DO WHAT DO I DO?! TAKE OFF MY CLOTHES?! I'LL STUN HIM WITH A STRIP SHOW AND...

IT'S WORKING!
Watson!
THUD
...UH...
HUH...?

You didn't drink much, so it didn't take effect instantly...
But it's only a matter of time before you're out like a light!
ARF
SHER-SHERDOG...
Spit it out! She probably used the same drug that knocked out Yakita!

You need to get out of here! Quickly!
SWOOSH
SHUT UP, YOU MANGY MUTT!
KAPOW

Now...
SQUIRT
It's time for your final dose♡
Yeah, that's right! Do you get it now?! Gya ha ha ha ha!
IS... IS THAT WHAT YOU USED... TO KILL YAKITA...?
NGH...
So, I killed him.
A long, long time ago, there was a man. We fought about breaking up, and about money.
SSS.
...The likes of which a kid like you would never understand.
You see, I've crawled my way through a hell...
NSH...
NSH...


IN A SENSE, I OWE HIM A LOT. GYA HA HA HA HA!
Yakita was my manager in the industry. He saw it all.
Well, I wouldn't be where I am today if he hadn't helped me dispose of the body.

MISTER WAN-NABE DETEC-TIVE!
GO AHEAD- CRY, SCREAM! MY APART-MENT HAS AN AUTOMATIC LOCK, AND IT'S COM-PLETELY SOUND-PROOF! YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME!

WHACK
DAMN IT!
HOLD STILL!
SWAY...
GO TO HELL!

HUH?
SWAY...
...WHAT?
WHAT'S... HAPPEN...
...ING?
FSH

THUD

...Th...that was close...
SNORE FWEE..
...
ZZZ SNORT
I didn't expect the demonic mayor to lose consciousness like that.
Don't tell me...you...
Yup.
!
What is the meaning of this, Watson?
Yes... somehow.
Sherdog... Are you okay?
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Just in case. She did drug Yakita with coffee, after all.
I switched our cups.

She sure is scary. I don't care how pretty she is—she kills people.
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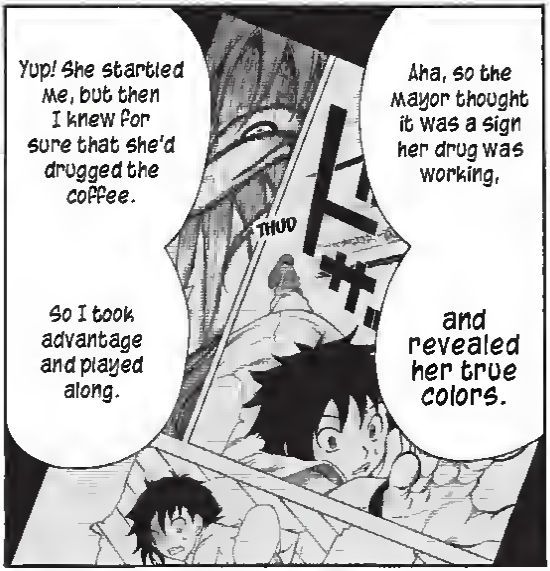
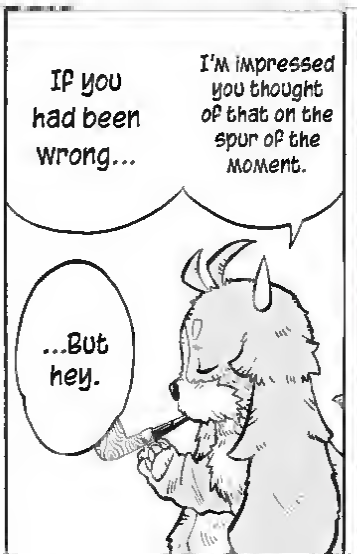
Then why did you fall over?


Yup! She startled me, but then I knew for sure that she'd drugged the coffee.
So I took advantage and played along.
THUD
Aha, so the mayor thought it was a sign her drug was working,
and revealed her true colors.

But I was shaking so bad, I tripped over my own feet.
Well, I was starting to get scared, so I was trying to go home.
UH.
I-I'LL PICK UP THE


If you had been wrong...
I'm impressed you thought of that on the spur of the moment.
...But hey.

So I figured she'd pass out before too long anyway.
She had no idea I'd swapped the cups—she just drank from hers like nothing was wrong.

I wanted to do whatever it took to catch her.
After she punted my partner like that!
YOINK
...
KAPOW

Watson.
...
We need to talk.
...I have something important to tell you.